Washington Update
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PRESENTATION OVERVIEW

- Key Addiction Legislation
- Which Bills and Executive Actions Most Likely to Move?
- Action Ahead
- Electoral Politics and Drug Policy
WASHINGTON ENVIRONMENT

➢ Partisan gridlock over budget, Planned Parenthood

➢ Significant interest in combatting opioid addiction; but remain in positioning/credit claiming mode on Hill, recent movement in Administration

➢ Threat of government shutdown permeating DC landscape, but Boehner resignation moving threat to December

➢ More focus on opiate dependence and deaths to come
  ▪ CDC guidelines
  ▪ House legislative hearing on 5 addiction bills on 10/8 (naloxone, prescriber education, MAT, synthetics and more)
  ▪ Senate Judiciary Committee hearing on CARA?
### CARA Provisions That Support Recovery Housing

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<td><strong>National youth recovery initiative:</strong> ONDCP may award grants to provide substance use recovery support services, help build communities of support, and encourage initiatives for young people in recovery – authorizes $3,000,000 for FY16 and each of the 5 succeeding fiscal years.</td>
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<td><strong>Building communities of recovery:</strong> Funds shall be used to develop, expand, and enhance community and statewide recovery support services; and build connections between recovery networks – authorizes $5,700,000 for FY16 and each of the 3 succeeding fiscal years (each grant shall not exceed $200,000).</td>
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<td><strong>Revision of FAFSA form:</strong> The Higher Education Act is amended to remove any question about the conviction of an applicant for the possession or sale of illegal drugs from the FAFSA form.</td>
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<td><strong>National Task Force on Recovery and Collateral Consequences:</strong> The task force will identify collateral consequences for individuals with Federal or State drug convictions who are in recovery from substance use disorders, and determine whether the collateral consequences unnecessarily delay individuals in recovery from resuming their personal and professional activities.</td>
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### Prevention, naloxone, & MAT

**Administration’s FY16 budget request**

Administration’s request builds on ONDCP’s Prescription Drug Abuse Prevention plan. Some of the highlights from the request:

- $48 million for prevention
- $12 million for naloxone for first responders
- $13 million for MAT services through state grants

**HHS Plan**

HHS released the plan on March 26. It focuses on:

- Opioid prescribing practices to reduce opioid use disorders and overdose
- The expanded use of naloxone, used to treat opioid overdoses
- Expanded use of Medication-assisted Treatment (MAT) to reduce opioid use disorders and overdose
## Naloxone

### Opioid Overdose Reduction Act of 2015 (S. 707/HR1821)
- Senate bill introduced by Sen. Markey (D-MA) on March 11 with Senators Ayotte (R-NH) and Kaine (D-VA). Sen. Toomey (R-PA) and Sen. Warren (D-MA) have since signed on.
- House bill introduced by Rep. Neal (D-MA) on April 15 with Reps. Guinta (R-NH) and Comstock (R-VA). Reps. Jenkins (R-WV) and Vold (R-IL) have since signed on.

### Stop Overdose Stat (SOS) Act S. 1654/HR 2850
- Senate bill introduced by Senators Reed (D-RI) and Durbin (D-IL) on June 23 with Senators Leahy (D-VT), Markey (D-MA), and Whitehouse (D-RI). Senator Schumer (D-NY) and Sen. Warren (D-MA) have since signed on as a cosponsor.
- House bill introduced by Rep. Edwards (D-MD) with Reps. Carney (D-DE), Cartwright (D-PA), Clark (D-MA), Conyers (D-MI), Cummings (D-MD), DeLauro (D-CT), Ellison (D-MN), Foster (D-IL), Keating (D-MA), Lee (D-CA), Lewis (D-GA), Lujan (D-NM), Maloney (D-NY), McGovern (D-MA), Moore (D-WI), Norton (D-DC), O’Rourke (D-TX), Pingree (D-ME), Rangel (D-NY), Rush (D-IL), Tonko (D-NY), Van Hollen (D-MD), Watson-Coleman and Welch (D-VT) on June 23. There are now 34 cosponsors.

Amends the PHS Act to require SAMHSA to enter into cooperative agreements to purchase and distribute naloxone and educate the public, first responders, and health professionals on overdose prevention and response.

### Naloxone Massachusetts Letter
- On July 23, Sen. Markey (D-MA) led a Massachusetts delegation letter to Secretary Burwell asking the Administration to increase access to naloxone through co-prescribing.

### HHS announces funding for the Rural Opioid Overdose Reversal (ROOR) Grant Program
- On September 17 HHS Secretary Sylvia Burwell announced $1.8 million to support rural communities in reducing morbidity and mortality related to opioid overdoses. ROOR supports the purchase and placement of naloxone and training for its use by licensed healthcare professionals and emergency responders in rural areas.

### Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act (S524/HR 953)
- Senate bill introduced by Sens. Portman (R-OH) and Whitehouse (D-RI) with Sens. Klobuchar (D-MN), Ayotte (R-NH), Coons (D-DE), and Kirk (R-IL) on Feb. 12. Senators Nelson (D-FL), Warren (D-MA), Franken (D-MN), Feinstein (D-CA), Gillibrand (D-NY), Collins (R-ME), Hatch (R-UT), Graham (R-SC) and Baldwin (D-WI) have since signed on as cosponsors.

The hope is that the addition of Sens. Graham and Hatch, both members of the Senate Judiciary Committee, will increase the likelihood that the bill will receive a hearing at the Judiciary Committee.

The House bill was introduced on Feb 12 by Rep. Sensenbrenner (R-WI) with Reps. Ryan (R-OH), Duckworth (D-IL), Chabot (R-OH), Marino (R-PA), Scott (D-VA), and Joyce (R-OH). Reps. Guinta (R-NH), Sarbanes (D-MD), Tsongas (D-MA), Dent (R-PA), Kuster (D-NH), Tonko (D-NY), Norcross (D-NJ), Clark (D-MA), Zeldin (R-NY), Cartwright (D-PA) Cicilline (D-RI), Lance (R-NJ), Nolan (D-MN), Meehan (R-PA), Fitzpatrick (R-PA), Comstock (R-VA), Heck (R-NV), and Silvers (R-OH) have since signed on as cosponsors.
Drug Disposal

DEA Take-back Day Letter

On May 20, Senator Massie (R-MA) led a letter signed by Sens. Schumer (D-NY), Hatch (R-UT), Feinstein (D-CA), Grassley (R-IA), Brown (D-OH), Capito (R-WV), Manchin (D-WV), Ayotte (R-NH) and Warren (D-MA) to the DEA asking them to resume prescription drug take back days.

General on opioid misuse and overdoses

House Energy and Commerce Committee Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee hearings

On May 19, Senator Markey (D-MA) and Majority Leader McConnell (R-KY) sent a letter to the Surgeon General asking him to issue a report and call to action on prescription drug and heroin abuse.

Buprenorphine Prescribing

TREAT Act (S1455/HR2536)  
Senate bill introduced by Senator Markey (D-MA) on May 22 with Senators Paul (R-KY), Feinstein (D-CA), Durbin (D-IL), Hirono (D-HI), Brown (D-OH) and Baldwin (D-WI). Sen. Franken (D-MN) has also signed on as a cosponsor of the legislation.

Introduction to the 2015 NARR Best Practices Summit

Washington, DC; October 6

The National Alliance for Recovery Residences

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### Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome

**Protecting our Infants Act**

- Senate bill introduced by Sen. McConnell (R-KY) and Sen. Casey (D-PA) on March 19.
- Sens. Ayotte (R-NH), Portman (R-OH), Isakson (R-GA), Baldwin (D-WI), Whitehouse (D-RD), Corker (R-TN), Brown (D-OH), Coons (D-DE), Gillibrand (D-NY), Capito (R-WV), Fischer (R-NB), Vitter (R-LA) and Boozman (R-AR) have signed on as cosponsors of the legislation.

- House bill passed by voice vote on Sept. 8. Was introduced on March 19 by Rep. Clark (D-MA) and Rep. Stivers (R-OH). The bill now has 72 cosponsors. Full list available [here](#).

- The bill was the subject of a hearing at the House Energy and Commerce Committee Health Subcommittee on June 25.

### Prescriber Education

**Jason Simcakowski Memorial Opioid Safety Act**

- Introduced by Sen. Baldwin (D-WI) on June 22.

- Senator Baldwin (D-WI) introduced the legislation with Senators Capito (R-WV), Blumenthal (D-CT), Brown (D-OH), Hirono (D-HI), Johnson (R-WI), Kaine (D-VA), Manchin (D-WV), Markey (D-MA), Moran (R-WS), Murray (D-WA), Sanders (I-VT), and Tester (D-MT) on June 22.

- The Senate Veterans Affairs Committee held a hearing on the bill on June 24.

- Rep. Ryan (D-OH) is interested in introducing a House companion.

### Consumer education, prescriber education, MAT, mortality reporting, abuse under Medicare Part D

**Prescription Drug Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act of 2015**

- Introduced by Sen. Manchin (D-WV) on May 21 with Senator King (I-ME) and Moore (R-WV), Sen. McCaskill (D-MO) signed on 9/9.

### Prescription Drug Abuse in the Medicare Program

**Medicare Patient Safety and Drug Abuse Prevention Act**  
**Draft Bill:** Stopping Medication Abuse and Protecting Seniors Act


- Bill being developed by Sens. Toomey (R-PA), Carper (D-DE), Brown (D-OH) and Portman (R-OH).

### Drug Deterrent Formulations

**Stop Tampering of Prescription Pills Act**

- Introduced by Rep. Keating (D-MA) on May 14 with Rep. Rogers (R-KY), Rooney (R-FL), Lynch (D-MA), Aderholt (R-AL), Buchanan (R-FL), Kennedy (D-MA), McGovern (D-MA) and Schakowsky (D-IL). Rep Clark (D-MA) has since signed on as a cosponsor of the legislation.
PARITY LEGISLATION

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<td>- The Administration released a Medicaid parity proposed rule in April 2015.</td>
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<td>Helping Families in Mental Health Crisis Act (HR 2646)</td>
<td>- Introduced by Rep. Murphy (R-PA) on June 4 with Reps. Johnson (D-TX), Buchanan (R-FL), Diaz-Balart (R-FL), Buxton (R-FL), Dold (R-IL), Georgia (R-NH), Walters (R-CA), Ellmers (R-NC), Denham (R-CA), Miller (R-MD), Hastings (D-FL), Calvert (R-CA), Nunes (R-CA), Hunter (R-CA), Stumberger (R-OR) and Simons (R-AZ). The bill currently has 56 cosponsors in total; full list available here. - The bill was the subject of a hearing at the House Energy and Commerce Committee Health Subcommittee on June 16 - Among other provisions, the bill requires the Agencies to release reports on federal investigations on parity compliance.</td>
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<td>Mental Health Awareness and Improvement Act of 2015 (S.1883)</td>
<td>Sen. Murphy (D-CT) and Sen. Cassidy (R-LA) along with Sen. Murray (D-WA), Sens. Enzi (R-WY), Franken (D-MN), Insko (R-GA), Benis (D-CO), Kelly (R-IL), Baldwin (D-WI), Roberts (R-KS), Ayotte (R-NH), Blumenthal (D-CT), Wicker (R-MS), Casey (D-PA), Udall (D-NM), Durbin (D-IL), Mikulski (D-MD), Stabenow (D-MI) introduced the bill on 7/29/15.</td>
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Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act of 2015 (CARA) (S. 524/H.R. 953)

- Expands prevention and educational efforts—particularly aimed at teens, parents and other caretakers, and aging populations—to prevent the abuse of opioids and heroin and to promote treatment and recovery.

- Expands the availability of naloxone to law enforcement agencies and other first responders to help in the reversal of overdoses to save lives.

- Expands resources to identify and treat incarcerated individuals suffering from addiction disorders promptly by collaborating with criminal justice stakeholders and by providing evidence-based treatment.

- Expands disposal sites for unwanted prescription medications to keep them out of the hands of our children and adolescents.

- Launches an evidence-based opioid and heroin treatment and interventions program.

- Strengthens PDMPs to help states monitor and track prescription drug diversion and to help at-risk individuals access services.
EXECUTIVE BRANCH ACTION TO ADDRESS OPIOID EPIDEMIC

- HHS Sec. Burwell announced $1.8 million in rural naloxone funding in September.
- The Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP) provided $2.5 million to hire public safety and public health coordinators in five states to focus on treatment rather than incarceration.
- ONDCP provided $100 million in July for MAT to 11 states.
- $133 million in FY2016 budget for updated prescriber guidelines increasing use of naloxone and expanding MAT.

CRYSTAL BALL

Most Support on the Hill:
- Greater use of PDMPs
- ↑ Prescriber Education
- ↑ Access to Naloxone
- ↑ Access to Addiction Medications
- Path Forward Remains Elusive but Consensus Between Congress and Administration is Clear

Most Support in Administration:
- Naloxone
- MAT
- Prescriber Guidelines
Possible Action Ahead

- Review FDA approval of OxyContin for kids? – Fall on Capitol Hill
- Dr. Oz shows on addiction – late September-October
- CDC scheduled to complete prescribers guidelines, readies for January 2016 release – November
- Hearing on CARA – Senate Judiciary Committee? Including funding for recovery supports??
- Markup of mental health bills – will SUD be included?

A Look at the Campaign Trail and the Politics of Drugs

Hillary Clinton
10 year, $10 billion initiative to combat addiction includes greater access to naloxone, MAT & continuum of care for addiction and full implementation and enforcement of parity, among other things

Carly Fiorina & Jeb Bush
Personal Experience Matters